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**EXPERIENCE**

**Columbia University School of Law, New York, NY**

**September 2018 – present**

*Environmental Law Clinical Instructor and Staff Attorney:* Lead attorney for complex multi-party federal appellate litigation concerning the proliferation of fossil fuel infrastructure. Research and develop New Jersey clean energy legal framework to assist the Governor's office and relevant state agencies, advancing clients' energy policy goals by elucidating existing legal authority regarding fossil fuel infrastructure and GHG reduction goals. Engage in meetings with NJ BPU, NJ DEP, NJ Attorney General, and NJ Governor's counsel and policy staff regarding New Jersey's clean energy goals and pathways to deep decarbonization. Meet with elected representatives, state and federal, to advocate clients' position on amending the NJ Global Warming Response act, and provide counsel to a coalition of nonprofit organizations focused on NJ energy work. Responsibilities also include co-teaching Columbia's environmental law clinic, and supervising students to support their growth as client-centered environmental advocates through a range of energy litigation and policy projects, as well as slaughterhouse, public trust, and myriad advocacy dockets.

**Eastern Environmental Law Center, Newark, NJ**

**July 2015 – September 2018**

*Senior Staff Attorney:* Represented a coalition of nonprofit organizations in a coordinated campaign to prevent the proliferation of natural gas pipelines across the region and advance clean energy goals. Identified opportunities for strategic federal and state litigation, and represented clients in that litigation, as well as developed complementary policy initiatives, including clean energy legislation and related political advocacy. Worked with economic and environmental experts preparing reports documenting the skewed natural gas market economics, as well as reports on the economics of deep decarbonization, and health and safety impacts of fossil fuel sources. Developed and implemented clients' advocacy goals in many venues, including innovative federal and state court litigation, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission proceedings, state regulatory proceedings, and community outreach programs and hearings. Testified before House Subcommittee on proposed federal energy bills. Coordinated clean energy legal strategy with other national legal advocates, including NRDC, EDF and CLF. Responsible for hiring, supervising and mentoring legal interns.

**Bradley Campbell, LLC, Trenton, NJ**

**December 2013 – June 2015**

*Of Counsel:* Assist former NJDEP Commissioner Brad Campbell with scientific and legal investigations for contaminated drinking water supplies, working with toxicologists and consultants to identify remedies and responsible parties for both emerging and established contaminants. Research EPA's LT2 regulations and their potential impacts on communities' open space reservoirs.

**Natural Resources Defense Council, New York, NY**

**May 2000 - June 2004**

*Project attorney, NY/NJ Harbor Bight Project:* Researched complex litigation strategies to develop case against major corporations for pollution of regional waterways. Worked closely with toxicologists, ornithologists, herpetologists, and other experts to guide the project's litigation strategy and advocacy agenda. Together with regional colleagues, successfully advocated for preservation of 600 wetlands acres in the Hackensack Meadowlands by employing a multi-disciplinary campaign, which included litigation, political advocacy and grassroots coalition building. Responsible for New York office's summer law intern program, including applicant selection, interviewing and hiring.

**Kirkland & Ellis, New York, NY**

**October 1998 - May 2000**

*Associate, Litigation Department:* Researched, drafted, and filed pleadings and briefs on various commercial litigation issues, such as intellectual property, securities fraud and contractual disputes. Prepared oral argument and witness outlines. Worked with expert witnesses to prepare expert reports.

Drafted appellate litigation briefs and briefs for cases in other procedural postures for both state and federal court. Conducted settlement negotiations. *Pro Bono Work*: Public Interest Fellowship Program Coordinator. Incorporated and obtained tax-exempt status for an anti-poverty human rights organization.

**U.S. Dept. of Justice, Environment & Natural Resources, Washington, DC** **Summer 1997**

*Law Clerk, Indian Resources Section*: Researched and briefed various Native American legal issues, including NEPA, IGRA and NHPA issues. Drafted and filed interrogatories for litigation arising under a Montana Water Compact governing the Fort Peck Reservation. Researched, drafted and filed motion to suppress video footage in a case involving the Cherokee constitutional crisis.

## **EDUCATION**

**New York University School of Law, New York, NY**

Third year visiting law student.

**Boston University School of Law, Boston, MA**

Juris Doctor, *Magna Cum Laude* - May 1998

*Honors and Activities*: G. Joseph Tauro Scholar; Paul J. Liacos Scholar; Book Award (highest grade in first year section) in Contracts; Law Review; Public Interest Project, Board Member; Environmental Law Society.

**University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA**

Bachelor of Arts, May 1993. Major: Diplomatic History. Minor: Economics

## **CURRENT AFFILIATIONS/PRESENTATIONS**

**New Jersey Audubon Society**, *Conservation and Research Committee member*

**Land Trust Alliance**, *National Conference Speaker; Webinar Host*

**Legislative Hearing on the proposed “Promoting Interagency Coordination for Review of Natural Gas Pipelines Act” before the U.S. House of Representatives, Subcommittee on Energy and Power of the Committee on Energy and Commerce**, *Witness, Testified on behalf of client organizations.*

**Admitted to NJ and NY bars**